

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

...OF THE...

Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

...OF THE...

ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

...HELD WITH...

RAY'S CHAPEL, Near McDavid, Fla.,
September 11th to 13th, 1897.

OFFICERS:

A. M. LOWERY, Moderator, Canoe, Ala.
J. H. McANALLY, Clerk and Treasurer, Atmore, Ala.

The next session will be held with Mars Hill Church, ten miles north of Atmore, Ala., Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1898.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. L. Bryars.....	Atmore, Alabama.
J. T. Fillingim.....	Bluff Springs, Florida.
R. W. Brooks	Bluff Springs, Florida.
H. G. B. Ray.....	Canoe, Alabama.
J. H. McAnalley.....	Atmore, Alabama.
A. M. Lowery	Canoe, Alabama.
J. D. Beck,.....	Roberts, Florida.

STANDING RESOLUTION OF ELIM ASSOCIATION.

RESOLVED, That any member of any church constituting this Association shall be recognized as a Corresponding Messenger of this Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Committee to Read Letters,
2. Names of Messengers Enrolled.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Admission of New Churches.
6. Recognize Messengers from Corresponding Bodies.
7. Invitation to Ministers of the Gospel not Accredited to the body to seats with us.
8. Appointment of Committees to report during the session.
9. Reports of Committees Appointed at last Session.
10. Appointment of Committees to report at next Session.
11. Report of Committees, present Session.
12. Motions and Resolutions.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Appoint Time and Place of Next Meeting.
15. Treasurer's Report.
16. Disbursement of funds on hand.

LIST OF COMMITTEES AND POSTOFFICE OF CHARMEN.

Temperance—W. C. Hall, Chairman, Canoe, Ala.; A. W. Majors, R. M. Brown.
Sunday Schools—D. M. Merritt, Chairman, Olive, Fla.; C. C. Curry, W. T. Hall.
Missions—Royal Stewart, Chairman, Perdido, Ala.; H. T. Enterkin, W. B. Thomlin.
State of Religion—W. M. Agerton, Chairman, Pine Barren, Fla.; G. M. Gentry, P. R. McNeal.
Ministerial Education—J. B. Steadham, Chairman, Atmore, Ala.; Robt. E. Adams, B. Miles, Jr.
Periodicals and Publications—R. J. Bowman, Chairman, McDavid, Fla.; W. C. Killam, Daniel Jordan.
Woman's Work—J. L. Bryars, Chairman, Atmore, Ala.; U. H. Grimal, J. D. Fillingim.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

The Elim Baptist Association met with Ray's Chapel Baptist Church, near McDavid, Fla., on Friday, Sep. 11, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. T. Fillingim. Devotional exercises by Rev. Jean Vane. The following committee was appointed to read the letters. W. M. Agerton, R. L. Stewart and J. H. McAnally.

The letters were read and messengers enrolled as follows:

Atmore—J. H. McAnally, Robt. E. Adams, Harry E. Tate, G. W. Hall.
Antioch—J. T. Hobbs.
Blue Springs—Not represented.
Canoe—A. M. Lowery, W. C. Hall, J. W. Vickery, R. N. Brown, W. T. Hall.
Enon—W. W. Bray, C. C. Curry.
Little Escambia—Letter.
Magnolia—J. L. Jordan, L. J. Jordan, D. Jordan, E. L. Presley.
Mars Hill—Alex. Boon, J. V. Steadham W. H. Gibson.
Oak Grove—J. A. Godwin, W. M. Agerton, E. B. Lee, C. Hall.
Olive—A. W. Majors, James East, D. M. Merritt.
Pine Barren—J. L. Bryars, C. J. Ward, U. H. Grimal, J. N. Ward.
Perdido—W. B. Thomlin, W. E. Weekly, R. L. Stewart.
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Brooks, J. T. Fillingim, W. M. Sturdivant, G. M. Gentry, P. R. McNeal.
Pineville—Not represented.
Ray's Chapel—H. T. Enterkin, G. T. Ward, R. J. Bowman.
Sardis—B. Miles, Jr., H. C. Killam, W. A. Killam, J. J. Geter.
Sullivan—J. A. Brown.
Travelers' Rest—N. R. Emmons.
Powelton—John D. Beck, T. J. Coker.

Permanent organization being effected, Rev. A. M. Lowery was elected moderator, and J. H. McAnally, clerk and treasurer.

On motion of Rev. Jean Vane the regular order of business was suspended and invitation was extended to ministers of the Gospel not accredited to the body to seats with us. Rev. G. L. Sutton of Conecuh Association responded.

On motion of Rev. Jean Vane Dr. J. D. Erammell was appointed auditor to audit the books, vouchers and accounts of the Missionary Committee.

The hour of 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening was set apart for the hearing and discussion of the Missionary Committee's report.

Correspondence J. A. McDavid, Pensacola Bay Association.

Motion that we adjourn for introductory sermon amended by preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Jean Vane.

Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 2 p. m. Devotional exercises by Rev. J. T. Fillingim.

Committee on Preaching:

R. L. Stewart, J. W. Vickery, B. Miles, Jr., and the Deacons of Ray's Chapel.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Bryars the clerk was instructed to deduct from the church letters the amounts paid for missions by the Ladies' Missionary Societies and to give them proper credit for same.

Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Rev. Jean Vane, tonight, 7:30 p. m.

Rev. G. L. Sutton, Saturday, 11 a. m.

Rev. Jean Vane, Sunday, 11 a. m.

Rev. J. T. Fillingim, Sunday, 7 p. m.

The Committee on State of Religion made the following report:

We your committee beg to report that the State of Religion throughout the churches of the Association shows increased spirituality and loyal effort on the part of the individual members of churches. In witness thereof we cite 98 baptisms during the year;

contributions \$1,000 for church work. Brethren, let us not relax our efforts but press to the mark of the high calling in Christ a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

H. C. KILLAM, Chairman,
J. A. GODWIN,
T. J. COKER.

Discussed by Rev. Jean Vane, J. L. Bryars; J. D. Beck, J. T. Fillingim, J. H. McAnally, Dr. J. D. Trammel, G. L. Sutton. Prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. J. L. Bryars. Report was adopted.

Petitionary letter from Judson church was read by the clerk and the right hand of fellowship extended her delegates, T. W. Fickling and T. H. Wainright.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Bryars, a page of minutes was set apart for memorial of Rev. D. R. Cooper,

On motion J. H. McAnally, W. W. Lowery and L. G. Beatty were appointed to prepare a suitable memorial and Association appropriated \$5.40 for additional expense.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Saturday morning.

After adjournment the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Jean Vane from II Corinthians, 8:8-9.

SECOND DAY.

The moderator called the Association to order promptly at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by Rev. W. N. Newberry.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Bryars minutes were amended by striking out return correspondence.

On motion of Rev. Jean Vane the hour of 10:30 a. m. was set apart for Sister Ansley to present the claims of the Orphanage, after which a collection was taken for the Orphan's Home at Evergreen, Ala., to the amount of \$20.88.

On motion speeches were limited to ten minutes.

The report on Ministerial Education was read as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, report that this very important subject has been sadly neglected among us, while there is no class of men who need to be educated more than min-

isters of the gospel; for they are our teachers, and that in matters of vital interest to us. But we are pleased to note that our people realize the better educated our ministers are the more efficient they become for work for the Master. We, therefore, recommend to our churches the propriety of seeing that every minister that they ordain and send out has a liberal education. We believe it to be wrong to educate a man or boy for the ministry, but we should educate every minister that we ordain and send out, as it is our duty. We also recommend to our association that they take up some young preacher who has proved himself worthy and give him an education, as we believe that there is nothing that would strengthen the Baptist cause more in this portion of the country and nothing for which God would bless us more.

J. L. BRYARS, Chairman.

After being discussed by J. H. McAnally, J. D. Beck, U. H. Grimalar, G. W. Hall, J. L. Bryars and Dr. J. D. Trammell, the report was adopted.

Sermon by Rev. G. W. Sutton from Matt. 5:14.

On motion of J. L. Bryars the Association adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator at 2 p. m.
Devotional exercises by J. H. McAnally.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: We are pleased to find that the destructive evil of intemperance is being removed to a considerable extent, and that fewer church members use intoxicants as a beverage. How thankful we are to God that this monster evil is giving way. And it will give way, brethren, as we pray and work to that end. We recommend that every church in this land put itself on record by passing resolutions against the use of any drink that will intoxicate, and by holding special meetings the object of which shall be to drive the use and sale of intoxicants from our midst and out of the land. And may our Heavenly Father speed the time when our church members will see more and more the necessity of abstaining entirely from the use of intoxicants and set a better example for the world.

J. L. BRYARS, Chairman.

After being discussed by J. H. McAnally, J. L. Bryars, G. W. Sutton, H. T. Enterkin, J. W. Jeter, W. C. Hall, G. W. Hall, U. H. Grimalar, J. T. Fillingim, Jean Vane and prayer for its removal by Rev. J. L. Bryars it was adopted.

The following committees were appointed to report at this session on the following subjects:

Queries and Requests—R. J. Bowman, W. R. Emmons, W. A. Killam.

Finance—R. L. Stewart, J. N. Ward, Daniel Jordan.

The Moderator appointed the following Missionary Committee:

Atmore—J. T. Lowery.

Antioch—R. A. Hobbs.

Blue Springs—_____

Canoe—R. N. Brown.

Enon—C. C. Curry.

Little Escambia—J. M. Godwin.

Magnolia—Daniel Jordan.

Mars Hill—J. V. Steadham.

Oak Grove—W. M. Agerton.

Olive—A. W. Majors.

Pine Barren—J. W. Barclay.

Perdido—W. B. Thomley.

Pleasant Hill—P. M. Pritchett.

Powelton—H. T. Hurst.

Pineville—_____

Ray's Chapel—H. T. Enterkin.

Sardis—H. C. Killam.

Sullivan—J. W. Sanks.

Travelers' Rest—R. Emmons.

Judson—W. P. Bates.

On motion the Missionary Committee was permitted to appoint its own officers.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the retiring committee for its untiring efforts during the past year.

The report on Periodicals and Publications was read as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals and Publications, recommend The Alabama Baptist and The Florida Baptist Witness as papers that are ably defending the doctrines and faith once delivered to the saints. They are worthy of the patronage of the entire denomination. We further recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Literature. We recognize the American Baptist Publication Society as having done and doing a great deal of missionary work in our midst in the way of good books and useful tracts. We should thank them for their past favors and pray for their continued prosperity and usefulness.

T. H. WAINWRIGHT, Chairman,
W. H. GIBSON.

Adopted as read,

The Committee on Woman's Work presented the following report:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to report greatly increased interest on the part of our dear sisters in the cause of saving souls. Missionary societies have already been formed in fourteen of our churches, and Bro. Vane, our efficient evangelist, assures us that every church in our bounds will be organized during the coming year. Most of these are zealously at work and are now prepared to make a report that shows surprising results, for which your Committee refers you to their own report which will be made later to this body. In conclusion, brethren, the Committee would urge that our sisters have our help—not only our earnest prayers but our active co-operation and assistance in the laudable efforts to support the Gospel where they have it not.

DR. J. D. TRAMMELL.

After being discussed by Dr. J. D. Trammell, J. W. Barclay, J. H. McAnally and R. L. Stewart the report was adopted.

The Committee on Queries and Requests made the following report:

REPORT ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests report that we find eight churches asking the next Association to be held with them. We recommend you hold your next session with Mars Hill Church. We find no queries.

R. J. BOWMAN, Chairman,
W. R. EMMONS,
W. A. KILLAM,

After being discussed by J. H. McAnally, J. L. Bryars and A. M. Lowery the report was adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I certify that I have carefully examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Missionary Committee of the Elim Association for the year ending Sept. 11, 1897, and the same are correct in every detail. I also counted the money on hand in the hands of the treasurer, \$29.75.

DR. J. D. TRAMMELL, Auditor.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented the following report:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, report that all the churches have Sunday schools except one—Travelers' Rest. Scholars on roll last session, 527; at this, 788; making an increase of 261. Brethren, we are glad to know that our churches are becoming interested along this line of Christian effort, as the Sunday school is the church at work. The superintendent should be elected by the church; then it becomes the duty of church members to co-operate with the superintendent in teaching God's word as it is the power unto salvation to everyone that believeth. We thank God for the improvement along this line.

R. J. BOWMAN,
J. V. STEADHAM,
E. B. LEE.

After being discussed by Rev. Jean Vane and Dr. J. D. Trammell the report was laid over till 9 a. m. Sunday.

The Finance Committee made its report as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that there has been raised during the past year for all purposes \$2,106.70. Amount turned over to clerk for minutes \$33.98. We note that the Executive Committee has on hand \$29.74. Sunday collection \$10.

R. L. STEWART,
J. N. WARD,
DANIEL JORDAN,

The report was adopted as read.

The Treasurer made the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer reports the following money on hand:

For Orphans' Home	\$20 88
For Foreign Missions	1 00
Minutes	.33 98
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Total on hand	\$55 86
JNO. H. McANALLY, Treas.	

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion the Introductory Sermon will be preached at 11 a. m. the first day of the Association.

On motion Rev. J. T. Fillingim was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Rev. Jean Vane offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have 300 copies of the minutes printed and distributed among the churches, not to ex-

ceed twenty-five copies to any one church, and after paying expenses of publication whatever funds, if any, left in the hands of the treasurer be and the same are hereby appropriated to the Clerk as compensation for his services.

Rev. J. E. Bryars offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby extended to the brethren and sisters of Ray's Chapel and community for their hospitality and kindness during our stay among them.

Rev. J. T. Fillingim offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby extended our worthy missionary for his efficient work in our Association during the past year.

Rev. J. L. Bryars offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby extended to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house kindly offered us for this occasion and to the L. & N. R. R. Co. for reduced rates.

Rev. Jean Vane offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That we meet with Mars Hill Church on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1898.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Fillingim, Association adjourned till 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 p. m. and the following program taken up:

- I.
Singing Song No. 27 of Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6.
- II.
Reading Scripture by Rev. J. T. Fillingim.
- III.
Song No. 17 of Gospel Hymns Nos. 5 and 6.
- IV.
Recitation by Miss Lee Tidmore, "The Orthodox Team."
- V.
Song No. 91 of Gospel Hymns Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- VI.
Recitation by Miss Jennie Franklin, "The Missionary."
- VII.
Report of Associational Missionary Committee and Standing Missionary Committee.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE FOR THE
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 1897.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your Missionary Committee beg to submit the following report of work accomplished under the blessing of God during the year ending with the meeting of this body.

In obedience to the instructions of the Association your Committee employed the Rev. Jean Vane as missionary for all his time at a compensation of \$1.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per day. Your Committee recognized that the imperative need of the hour in Elim Association was an earnest, aggressive campaign of education among our churches along the lines of actual giving to the work of missions on the part of the individual members of the church. Your Committee, therefore, instructed and required of our missionary that he visit and hold missionary revival meetings in all the churches of the Association, with the consent of the local church and pastor. The wisdom of your Committee's action has been most signally demonstrated in the large number of baptisms—the tremendous increase in individual offerings and the wonderful uplifting of the churches in spirituality and power. It is with profound gratitude to God that your Committee reports the following visible results for the work of the year.

The following accessions to the churches were made during the year through the work of the Committee.

By Baptism	-	-	-	160
By Letter and Restoration	-	-	-	78
Total accessions for the year	-	-	-	238

The following amounts of money have been received during the year and expended as hereinafter reported.

Received from former treasurer,		Am't brought forward	\$262 14
D. M. Merritt	\$ 81 00	Magnolia church	
Associational offering for 1896	18 45	Enon	17 01
Atmore church	39 07	Oak Grove	14 00
Sullivan "	5 50	Pine Barren church	20 47
Perdido "	22 86	Pleasant Hill	17 50
Judson "	8 03	Ray's Chapel	14 75
Mars Hill "	37 33	Powelton	10 26
Canoe "	12 91	Muscogee	
Sardis "	30 04	Olive	9 50
Little Escambia church	1 95	Pineville	10 25
Autioch "	5 00	Total received from	
	\$262 14	Associated churches	\$375 88

The following amounts were received from mission stations supplied most of the year by our missionary.

Cottage Hill	-	-	-	\$ 3 66
Pine Barren Mill	-	-	-	15 00
Gatewood	-	-	-	2 00
Molino	-	-	-	7 80
Muscogee	-	-	-	17 39
Lomax School House	-	-	-	1 27
Total from mission stations	-	-	-	\$ 47 12

The following amounts were received from churches outside the Association where our missionary labored by special request of the church.

Fairmount	-	-	\$ 13 00
Prattville	-	-	20 00
Chapman	-	-	20 00
Bay Minett	-	-	10 23
Union Hill	-	-	12 15
Pleasant Grove	-	-	11 10
Milton	-	-	36 22
Total received from outside churches			\$122 70

The following amounts were received from the Ladies' Missionary Aid Societies of the churches.

Pleasant Hill	-	-	\$ 5 20
Atmore	-	-	-
Perdido	-	-	-
Sullivan	-	-	-
Canoe	-	-	2 00
Sardis	-	-	2 00
Mars Hill	-	-	1 00
Judson	-	-	4 60
Magnolia	-	-	-
Little Escambia	-	-	-
Enon	-	-	-
Pine Barren	-	-	2 50
Total amount received from Aid Societies			\$17 30
Total amount received from all sources			\$563 07

Your Committee has expended funds during the year as follows: Paid salary of missionary for 320 days' service at \$1.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents per day

\$533 33

Amount in treasury to balance

29 74

Total

563 07

During the year the Judson, a church in the midst of our associational bounds, but connected with the Bethlehem Association, severed its connection with said association and came to us. It is a fine working body. At the milling town of Muscogee a small church was organized during the year. Eighteen of the twenty-two churches have efficient all-the-year-round Sunday schools. Twelve of the churches have working Ladies' Missionary Aid Societies. During the year the two weak struggling churches, Travelers' Rest and Little Escambia have been busy courting each other with a view to marriage. The consummation of the union is prayed for. The Blue Springs church has put out a few signs of awakening life. During the year five were added to their working force. The Olive church is bravely struggling with the problem of a church house. The Antioch brethren have determined to build a house unto their God. The Atmore people have matured plans and provided means for the erection of a beautiful and commodious house of worship. The church at Pineville has awakened to new life and activity. Throughout the Association the outlook is most cheering. Your Committee would urge more earnest, aggressive work than ever for the coming year, so that our God may be glorified in the midst of this people.

During the year death invaded the pastoral ranks of our Association. On Sunday, Aug. 8th, the spirit of David R. Cooper, the loved and honored pastor of the Atmore church, went up to see the king in his beauty. His, truly, was a soldier's death. He fell at his post with his armor on. God comfort his loved ones and care for the shepherdless flock.

Your Committee desires to extend to the churches and pastors of the Association our heartfelt thanks for the loyal support and hearty co-operation given us and our missionary in the prosecution of the work. Your Committee, being conversant with the work, its needs and its possibilities, begs to present the following resolution for consideration and adoption by the Association.

1st. Resolved, by the Elim Baptist Association, That the Missionary Committee elected each year be, and the same is hereby empowered and authorized to perfect its organization by the election of a president, secretary and treasurer from the membership of the committee.

2nd. Resolved, by the Elim Baptist Association, That the churches composing this associational body are earnestly and prayerfully requested to raise for the work of missions during the ensuing year the sum of \$480, apportioned among the churches as follows:

Atmore	\$50 00	Pleasant Hill	\$40 00
Perdido	40 00	Ray's Chapel	25 00
Sullivan	20 00	Powelton	15 00
Canoe	25 00	Muscogee	10 00
Sardis	30 00	Olive	15 00
Judson	20 00	Enon	25 00
Mars Hill	50 00	Pine Barren	40 00
Antioch	10 00	Oak Grove	25 00
Magnolia	25 00	Pineville	5 00
Little Escambia	10 00		

And we, the messengers here assembled, do pledge ourselves to each other and to God that we will do all in our power to have our respective churches raise the amount for missions above requested.

3d. Resolved, by the Elim Baptist Association, That the churches composing this Association be, and they are hereby earnestly requested to pay over to the Missionary Committee all moneys raised for missions, to be by said Committee appropriated and applied as follows. All moneys from the Alabama churches shall be applied, three-fifths to Associational Missions; the other two-fifths to be applied equally to Foreign, Home and State Missions, Ministerial Education and Orphanage. All moneys from the Florida churches shall be applied, three-fifths to Associational Missions; the other two-fifths to be equally applied to Foreign, Home and State Missions and Ministerial Education.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee this 11th day of September 1897.

J. W. BARCLAY, President.

D. M. MERRITT, Secretary.

REPORT OF STANDING MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Missions would report that the conquering of him who came in triumph from Bozrah is animating the mission hosts of today. All along the line "forward" is the battle cry. The shout is heard in every camp. The kingdoms of this world must become the kingdom of the Lord and his Christ. The pleading prayer "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as in heaven," ascends from millions of regenerated hearts today. And behind and underneath the prayer is the growing faith that takes no denial. Brethren, we send you greeting in the name of the Lord God of Hosts.

"Sing, ye islands of the sea, echo back, ye ocean caves,
Onward! 'tis the Lord's command. Jesus saves, Jesns saves."

Your Committee pleads for systematic work and effort on the part of the churches and to this end your Committee commands and recommends the adoption of the plan of organized mission work throughout the Association as formulated by our Standing Missionary Committee.

WILLY HALL, Chairman.

After reading reports of Missionary Committees occurred the firing of minute guns on missions.

- 1st gun, Rev. J. L. Bryars.
- 2nd " Dr. J. D. Trammell.
- 3rd " Rev. A. M. Lowery.
- 4th " Rev. R. L. Stewart.
- 5th " Rev. J. T. Fillingim.
- 6th " Rev. Jean Vane.

Reports adopted as read and an offering taken for Cuban Mission to the amount of \$4.28.

Benediction by the Moderator after which the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. Sunday.

THIRD DAY.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises by Rev. Jean Vane.

On motion of Rev. Jean Vane Bro. J. L. Welch of Merer Association, Ga., was invited to a seat with us.

The Sunday school report was taken up and after being discussed by W. C. Hall, J. L. Welch, J. H. McAnally, T. W. Fickling, G. W. Sutton and Jean Vane, it was adopted.

Rev. Jean Vane offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the treasurer pay the clerk of the Association \$12 for his services out of the minute for 1 and if there should be a deficiency of funds to pay for printing and distributing the minutes, the Missionary Committee be and it is hereby authorized to pay said deficiency out of the associational funds in their hands.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee be and is hereby authorized and requested to employ the Rev. Jean Vane for such time and compensation as missionary of Elim Association as they may agree upon.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The business of the body being accomplished, a hymn was sung, the parting hand was taken, and the Association then adjourned to meet with Mars Hill Church Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1898.

A. M. LOWERY, Moderator,

JOHN H. MCANALLY, Clerk.

After the adjournment the Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. Jean Vane from Matthew 26:26 and a collection of \$10 was taken which was turned over to the treasurer of the Missionary Committee.

The following officers were elected by the Missionary Committee:

W. B. Thomley, president; Rev. Jean Vane, secretary, and J. W. Barclay, treasurer.

STATISTICS OF ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION=1897.

CHURCH	COUNTY, AND STATE.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	INCREASED MEMBERSHIP LAST REPORTED.		DECREASED MEMBERSHIP LAST REPORTED.		
					LETTERS.	POST- RESTORATION.	LETTERS.	POST- ERASURE.	
Atmore	Escambia, Ala.	A. M. Lowery	L. G. Beatty	Atmore, Ala.	55	7	4	8	
Attofoc	"	"	J. L. Burgess	Canoe	34	9	2	1	
Blue Springs	"	J. S. Lambert	J. W. Vickery	Canoe	42	12	2	3	
Bonano	"	A. M. Lowery	A. T. Lee	Canoe	76	4	6	6	
Brown	"	W. N. Newberry	A. J. Notes	Flomaton, Ala.	37	1	1	1	
Cattlettsville	Ala.	G. L. Sutton	E. M. Jordan	Flomaton, Ala.	61	1	1	1	
Decagonia	"	J. H. McAnalley	J. V. Steadham	Flomaton, Ala.	51	22	2	1	
Mars Hill	"	J. T. Fillingim	W. H. Godwin	Olive, Fla.	64	2	1	2	
Piney	Fla.	W. N. Newberry	Jas. Y. East	23	2	1	4	3	
Piney Grove	"	J. L. Bryant	Atmore, Ala.	53	2	1	2	1	
White	"	J. T. Fillingim	W. J. Grimar	Morriston, Fla.	87	15	1	8	11
Barren	"	J. E. Holley	J. P. Richburg	Bluff Springs, Fla.	140	9	4	3	2
Perdido	"	"	J. D. Fullington	Roberts, Fla.	9	7	5	2	4
Wesleyan	"	"	Jno. Coker	"	12	3	1	1	1
Wetoween	"	"	"	McDavid, Fla.	34	8	1	1	1
Pinerville	"	J. T. Fillingim	"	Flomaton, Ala.	73	5	3	1	1
Car's Chapel	Ala.	R. W. Brooks	"	Sullivan, Ala.	56	1	1	1	1
Gardis	"	A. M. Lowery	"	Atmore, Ala.	48	1	1	1	1
Ivanivian	"	G. L. Sutton	"	Flomaton, Ala.	30	1	1	1	1
Johnson	"	"	"	W. R. Emmons	24	7	4	3	2
Travelers' Rest	"	"	"	"	23	1	1	1	1

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1897.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.	S.S. EXPENSES.	PASTOR'S SALARY.	VALUABLE CHURCH PROPERTY.	CHURCH EXPENSES.	ASSOCIATIONAL COLLECTIONS.	BIBLE AND COTPORATE.	MISCELLANEOUS.
Amore	-	-	39.07	2.91	8.13	141.06	15.50	300.00	-	-	-
Antioch	-	-	5.00	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blue Springs	-	Not reported.	10.15	1.50	5.00	72.00	9.26	400.00	9.75	-	-
Canoe	-	-	17.42	2.00	6.50	10.45	-	400.00	-	-	-
Elton	-	-	1.05	5.00	-	60.00	4.90	300.00	-	-	-
Little Escambia	-	-	1.35	3.40	-	75.00	-	300.00	-	-	-
Magnolia	-	-	36.53	2.00	10.00	24.00	27.00	200.00	5.65	-	-
Mars Hill	-	-	14.00	1.75	5.00	40.63	-	-	-	-	-
Oak Grove	-	12.67	6.00	-	8.00	1.00	7.33	-	-	-	-
Olive	-	-	20.12	2.00	7.00	250.00	-	150.00	40.00	-	-
Pine Barren	-	-	1.00	-	22.38	1.50	6.00	75.00	12.41	415.00	-
Perdido	-	-	1.00	-	17.40	2.00	11.58	100.00	4.19	500.00	-
Pleasant Hill	-	10.26	1.00	-	75	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powellton	-	Not represented.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pineville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ray's Chapel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sardis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sullivan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travelers' Rest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$12.67	\$17.26	\$1.00	\$243.67	\$28.23	\$54.72	\$101.12	\$81.76	\$223.40	\$55.00	\$67.70

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SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
REV. D. R. COOPER,
LATE PASTOR OF THE
ATMORE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. D. R. Cooper was born in Butler, Choctaw County, Ala., Nov. 10, 1839, in which place he received a goodly portion of his education, finishing at Shubuta, Miss. He was converted in the Methodist church and was ordained by the District Conference and preached the Methodist faith for many years, but becoming dissatisfied with the teachings of the Methodist church and believing the doctrines as taught by the Baptist church to be the doctrines of the Bible, he laid down his Methodist credentials and united with the Baptist church at Whittier, Ala., in which church he was ordained to the work of the ministry, Aug. 29, 1886. He served Mount Pleasant and Indian Springs as his first charge after which he served the Whistler church. Then he became missionary for the Mobile Baptist Association, doing good and efficient service for three years, after which he resumed his pastoral work until the time of his death which took place on Aug. 8th, 1897.

We tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereft family, but we remember our loss is his eternal gain.

JOHN H. MCANALLY,
W. W. LOWERY,
L. G. BEATTY,
Committee.

MINUTES

Woman's Central Missionary Society,
Elim Missionary Baptist Association.

The Woman's Central Missionary Society of Elim Baptist Association met Sept. 11, 1897, at Ray's Chapel, McDavid, Fla.

The roll of societies was called and messengers enrolled, to wit:

Atmore—Miss Lee Tidmore.

Canoe—Misses Mattie Hall, Pearl Hall and Bertha Lowery.

Sardis—Miss Annie Jeeter.

Perdido—Miss Vivian Volz.

Mars Hill—Mrs. Emma McCaulley.

Magnolia—Mrs. S. J. Jordan.

Sullivan—Miss Lena Hubbard.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. P. M. Pritchett, Mrs. Newberry, Miss Franklyn, Miss Jennie Franklyn, Miss L. Brooks.

Pine Barren—Mrs W. Godwin, Mrs. U. H. Grimal.

On motion Dr. J. D. Trammel was elected moderator and Miss Nora Franklyn secretary and treasurer and Miss L. Brooks and Mrs. L. M. Stewart were chosen vice presidents.

Letters from societies were read, showing the following flattering condition:

Money raised for all purposes \$505.63, of which \$108.36 was for missions.

On motion the plan to raise \$400 for missions, as outlined by our missionary, Jean Vane, was adopted.

A cheering and instructive letter was read from Sister Spalding. Sister Ansley, matron of Orphans' Home gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on practical work in the society.

On motion it was ordered that a collection at the night mass meeting be taken for work among the Cubans in Florida.

On motion adjourned to meet with the brethren in mass meeting.

The following sisters took part in the mass meeting: Lee Tidmore, who recited "The Orthodox Team," and Jennie Franklin, who recited "The Missionary."

Collection amounted to \$4.28.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet with next annual meeting of the Association in September, 1898.

J. D. TRAMMELL, Moderator.

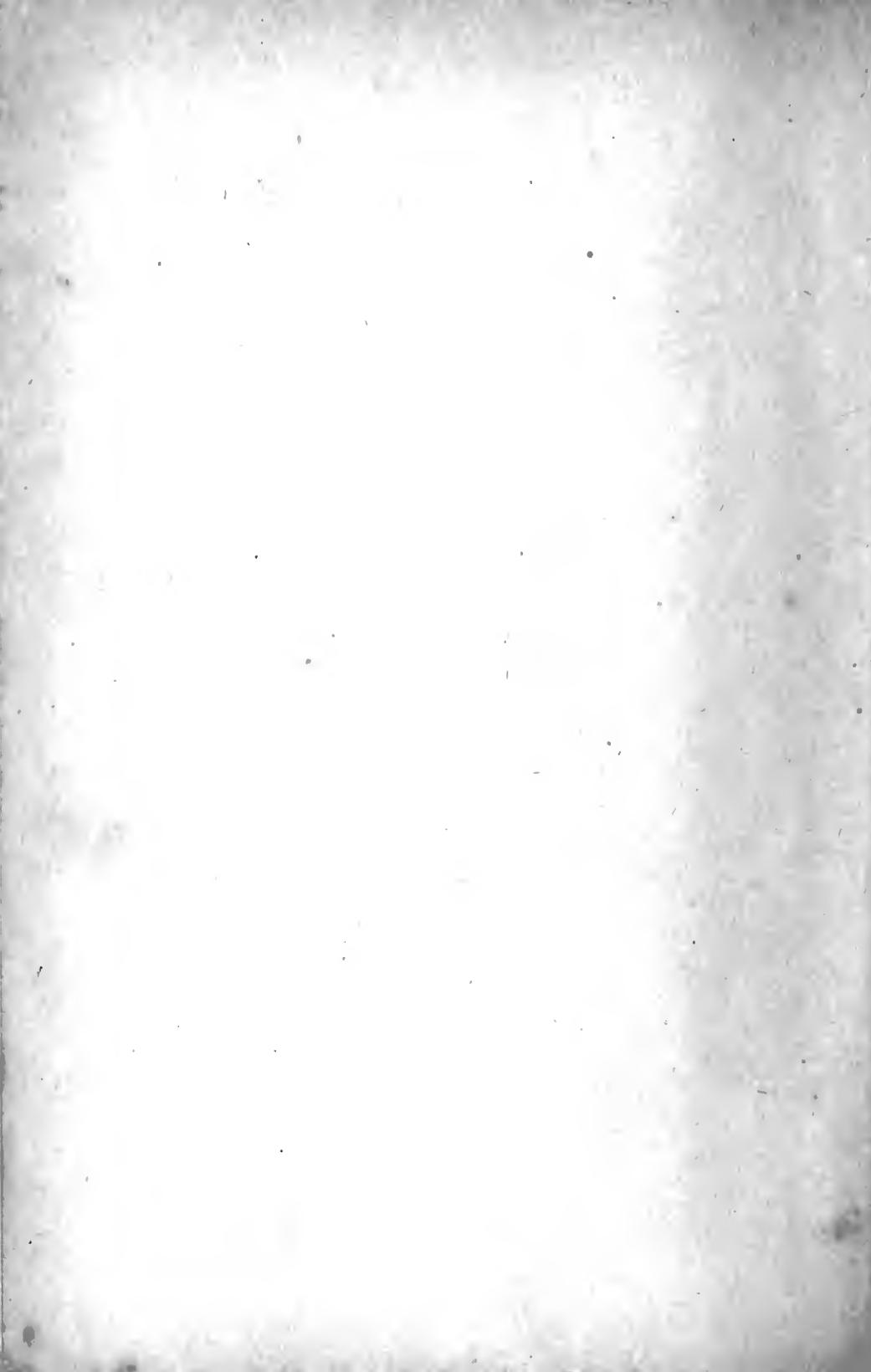
NORA FRANKLYN, Secretary.

Resolved, by the Ladies' Missionary Aid Societies of the Elim Baptist Association, That we will earnestly, by the Lord prospering us, try to raise for Missions during the year ending Sept. 1, 1898, the sum of \$400, apportioned among the societies as follows:

Atmore society	-	\$40 00	Little Escambia society	10 00
Perdido	"	40 00	Magnolia	15 00
Mars Hill	"	30 00	Enon	25 00
Judson	"	25 00	Ray's Chapel	20 00
Sardis	"	25 00	Powelton	10 00
Pine Barren society		40 00	Oak Grove	10 00
Sullivan	"	20 00	Antioch	5 00
Canoe	"	20 00	Olive	10 00
Pleasant Hill	"	50 00		

Be it further Resolved, That we will try to have our respective societies raise the above minimum amounts and will forward the same through the Elim Missionary Committee to be apportioned and applied as follows: All amounts raised by the Alabama churches to be apportioned, three-fifths to Associational Missions, the other two-fifths to be equally divided between Foreign, Home and State Missions, Ministerial Education and Orphanage. All amounts raised by the Florida churches to be apportioned three-fifths to Associational Missions, the other two-fifths to be equally divided between Foreign, Home and State Missions and Ministerial Education and Cuban Missions at Key West, Fla.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE ELIM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1897.





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